

## JNO. THOMPSON BROWN REPLIES TO BARRINGER

Denies That the Board of Visitors of V. P. I. Had Dr. Barringer Put Out of Presidency So That Eggleston Could Secure the Position.

J. Thompson Brown, rector of the board of visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, requests The Times-Dispatch to print the letter which follows, as an answer to the letter of Dr. Barringer printed in yesterday's Times-Dispatch.

The letter.

Sir:—While I have nothing to do with the agreement that was entered into by Dr. Barringer and the Governor, under which the former was to tender his resignation as president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute upon the appointment of the new board, provided certain gentlemen who had been inimical to Dr. Barringer were not reappointed, I have got a word to say when Dr. Barringer attempts to come in, as his published letter would seem to do, with being party to any scheme to supplant him by the election of Mr. Eggleston.

As a matter of fact, Dr. Fernebaugh, to whom Dr. Barringer refers as "special messenger" and "agent" of the Governor, happens to be a warm personal friend and neighbor of mine, and more correct man in the State, nor one more loyal to his friends, and I did know from him, before it was consummated by Dr. Barringer's actual resignation, that Dr. Barringer had made this voluntary agreement with the Governor. Dr. Fernebaugh had stood Dr. Barringer's staunch friend through all the difficulties during his presidency of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, when he was attacked so vigorously by members of the alumni, supported by the members of the board, to which he refers in his letter. Dr. Fernebaugh acted throughout the negotiations between the Governor and Dr. Barringer as the friend of the latter. I know, too, that after the said agreement was reached, Dr. Barringer was hopeful of securing my appointment by the Governor to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute board, and in discussing the matter with him, I expressed the opinion that Dr. Barringer should be asked to retain the presidency for a year in order to give proper time to select his successor.

Only Friendly Act.

If Dr. Barringer had in mind any idea that his resignation was to be accepted by a "packed" board, I am more surprised than surprised at his asserting to tender it—he should have known the enormity, and if such was his idea, I am sure he was surprised indeed when the Governor's selections were public. It is a matter of fact, perhaps, that each member then appointed did learn that Dr. Barringer had agreed to resign, provided he could retire gracefully from a position that he had embraced for many years, at least, and this is the sum and substance of all the talk that has been indulged in, and which comes now with bad grace from Dr. Barringer, who printed the names of the newly-appointed members, saying, "The entire board is now friendly to him (B.)."

Each, indeed, was the fact, and what more friendly act than to help him to carry out his own voluntary agreement as to his resignation? Surely he would not have withdrawn it then even at the request of the Governor, and the Governor had carried out in good faith his part of said agreement.

I am glad, indeed, that I was not a member of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute board during the presidency of Dr. Barringer's strenuous experiences with the two members of his board and the protesting alumni, for, though Dr. Barringer may have been a square peg in a round hole, I regard him as a square man, and I consider that he certainly labored under very disadvantageous conditions. I was, therefore, when accepting his resignation, to extend the commendation that he deserved to his work and to ask him to remain for a year till we could select his successor.

Defends the Board.

With this long preamble, I come to the reasons for my appearance in this controversy. It is simply to deny the repeated slander that the board was appointed with any understanding, except by the commendation that he deserved to his work and to ask him to remain for a year till we could select his successor.

Five Candidates for Adjutant-General.

General Sale and Anderson, Colonel Gaines and Majors Wortham and Bowles.

As soon as Hon. Henry C. Stuart is declared the nominee of the Democratic party, on Tuesday, there will be all sorts of influences brought to bear upon him for the selection of Virginia for State officers.

No appointment is surrounded by greater interest than that of Adjutant-General, which carries a salary of \$2,500 a year and is greatly sought after.

Those who have been named by their friends as fit and proper persons to promote to the rank of brigadier-general and Adjutant-General of Virginia are General W. W. Shaw of Norfolk and Richmond, the present holder of the office, who is backed by the officers and men of the First, Second and Fourth Regiments, Major T. M. Wortham of Richmond, commanding the Battalion of Field Artillery, Major W. Bowles of Richmond, commanding the Blues Battalion, Colonel Granville Gaines, of Warrenton, and General Charles J. Anderson, former Adjutant-General for several administrations.

General Anderson has not permitted the use of his name, but his friends have suggested his fitness for the office.

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Dr. Barringer in his tirade just published here at the end of the campaign, is likely to injure those to whom the circumstances are unknown, and who have no personal acquaintance with the honorable gentlemen so aspersed. Otherwise, I would not notice it now.

I note that Dr. Barringer omits from his quotation a part of the recorded action of the board taken July 12, 1912—the commendation of himself the board desired to place on record. This may have been from excess of modesty on his part, but in justice to him and to the board, I quote in full the entry on the minutes as follows:

"The resignation of Dr. P. B. Barringer, president of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, having been presented to and considered by this board, on motion, same is hereby accepted. In accepting this resignation, the board desires to place on record its appreciation of the able services of Dr. Barringer during his incumbency as president of this institution, and to express the high personal regard in which he is held by each member of this board. Despite the fact that President Barringer's administration has been conducted under peculiarly harassing difficulties, the institution has made decided progress, and his management is particularly to be commended."

"That, as the selection of a successor to Dr. Barringer is a matter deserving mature consideration by the board, a unanimous vote of the board be recorded requesting to remain as president until July 1, 1913."

Anonymous Letter.

Dr. Barringer, after saying he took a week's time to decide whether he would accept the board's invitation to serve another year, then proceeds to say: "By course, I knew that the board intended to elect Mr. Eggleston, and that this time was simply extended because he could not accept until he had resigned his position as Superintendent of Public Instruction and his membership on the board, and allowed at least a decent time to elapse before taking office."

Dr. Barringer gives as his only authority for this remarkable display of knowledge on his part an anonymous letter which he received May, 1912, in which he quotes, He further says:

"I do not know who wrote this note, but I had received various letters before in the same handwriting, and the predictions made in them had all been fulfilled. I thought, so I knew that I had trustworthy information. A few people will agree with him that anonymous letter writers can be relied upon for trustworthy information, and that neither Mr. Eggleston nor Mr. Turner ever saw the Governor or any intimation from him of the contemplated appointment till it was made in each case. I happen to know that Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Turner were both opposed to the selection of Mr. Eggleston as president."

When appointing the committee of three on election of a president on July 12, 1912, I took occasion to appoint two members whom I knew to be opposed to the election of Mr. Eggleston. I did this because I had, of course, heard the rumors—they were in print—and I felt that if they could succeed in locating a better selection, it would be made. I added to this committee two members whom I knew to be opposed to the election of Mr. Eggleston, and finally decided to recommend the election of Mr. Eggleston, which was made unanimously by the board."

Still Dr. Barringer would have it that the board had agreed before it assembled for this first meeting (I had not until then even met Dr. Harris or Mr. Smith) to select Mr. Eggleston as his successor, "and that his time was simply extended because he could not accept until he had resigned his position as Superintendent of Instruction and membership on the board."

I suppose he would assert also that we provided him with a more lucrative Federal appointment in the meantime, as such was the position he resigned as Superintendent to accept.

As an additional evidence of the falsity of such a charge is the fact that Dr. Claxton, Mr. Eggleston's supporter in Washington, when passing through Richmond some weeks before Mr. Eggleston's election, was asked to give an interview, and stated to the reporter that while he felt that Mr. Eggleston would accept the position if tendered unanimously by the board, that he would not do so if tendered by a divided board, and as such a consummation seemed without the range of possibility, he did not expect to lose him from his department.

I consider this statement proper at this time in justice to the Governor, to Mr. Eggleston and to the other members of the board, as well as to myself, and while I hold the brief for them, they will substantiate the statement I have made.

JOHN THOMPSON BROWN

FATHER KAMP TO BE CATHEDRAL RECTOR

Appointed by Bishop to Temporarily Succeed Late Father O'Reilly.

The Bishop of Richmond, Dr. O'Connell, announced yesterday that, while no rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral has been selected to succeed the late lamented Father O'Reilly, he had appointed as acting rector Rev. Felix M. Kamp, at present assistant rector of the cathedral.

Father Kamp was born in Germany, coming to Richmond four years ago from Portsmouth. He stands high in the diocese, and is an authority on church music, having the direction of the musical program on all special occasions.

He has taken an especial interest in the work being done by the sisters at Benedictine College.

## UNION STATION FIGHT GROWS HOT

Struggle to Be Renewed Before City Council Committee Tuesday Night.

A petition for the location of the proposed new union passenger station in lower Main Street, signed by hundreds of manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers, representing millions of invested capital, is now being tabulated by R. A. Dunlop, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for presentation in telling form to the joint committee of the City Council on Tuesday night. In opposition to this petition, the leading Broad Street merchants have drawn a paper urging the Hermitage Golf Club site as the best location for the new union station, and will offer it to the committee at the same time with the petition signed by the downtown interests.

Although Tuesday night will be the night of the election, the union station committee has been called to meet in the Council Chamber, and unless Chairman Disney orders the session postponed, the two factions will go ahead with their arguments in favor of the two sites, in spite of the election excitement. It is possible that the meeting will be called off, but no move in that direction has been made yet.

The supporters of the uptown site and the supporters of the downtown site have settled into a determined contest to see which can muster the most impressive signatures to the two petitions presented. The Council Committee will, of course, be guided by the expressed public opinion, where it is expressed in concrete form, to no little extent, and the Chamber of Commerce, which has cast its lot with the supporters of the Fifteenth and Main Street situation, is bending every effort to demonstrate to the committee that the preponderance of the large financial interests favors the building of the station downtown.

Many Signatures.

In the petition urging the uptown site, the Broad Street merchants present among the arguments which have been advanced by Mr. Duke, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and the other advocates of the uptown site. It is claimed that 1,000 individuals and firms have signed the paper favoring the uptown site.

On the other hand, practically every business concern east of First Street and south of Broad has signed a petition asking that the station be located at Fifteenth and Main Streets. The unusual feature of this petition lays in the fact that about two-thirds of the men who signed the demand for the downtown station live west of First Street. The invested money represented by the signers of this paper runs many times into the millions. The personal financial standing and the business influence of the signers of this paper will be set against those who have appended their names to the petition for the uptown site, and the clash of the two factions on the Council chamber floor is expected to be productive of warm argument.

## COUNTRY NEEDS EUPSYCHIC MARRIAGE, SAYS JOE DOPE

Advocates "Stifficate," Issued by Groom's Notary Public, to Guarantee That Bride Doesn't Read Strindberg or Play Auction Bridge.

"Eugenics is all right as a science to teach folks how to be well bred, but its punk pickings when it comes to teaching folks how to be well wed," observed Joseph Dope, last night, pointing charitably to the scarehead in the Sunday paper—Eugenic Mating—The Marriage of the Future. "Supposin' a man does produce a stifficate sayin' his hygienic and all the rest, that's got to do with makin' a happy fat? It's all on the girl's side. What's goin' to protect the man?"

"Get the idea? I'm strong for uplift—strong for it as the elevator starter in the First National Bank Building, organized the first corn club in Henric county and I'm a member of the board of directors of the Tuckahoe District Playground Association. But just the same I recognize its limitations, and believe me, you need something else besides a eugenic so-called uplift marriage."

"Here's my idea," continued the Henric County farmer-philosopher. "We need eupsychic marriage werns we do eugenic marriage. If I was in the Legislature or the Episcopal diocese, I'd make every preacher require the bride to come across with a stifficate signed by the groom's lawyer and notary public, attesting to her psychic fitness to bogia housekeeping."

"What do I mean by psychic fitness? Well, I mean lots of things. Eupsychic, you know, comes from two Hebrew words, meanin' well-minded. You give a man a wife who is well-minded, and you've got a permanent voter and a good citizen. First of all, no eupsychic stifficate should be issued to girls that read Strindberg or play auction bridge. Then two vices have busted more happy homes than poor cooking and boarders."

"And under no circumstances should the groom's lawyer and notary public issue a eupsychic stifficate to a girl who can't be happy outside a slit skirt. It's a bum dress without a single redeeming feature, according to the way the man that marries her will look at it. No such girl is well-minded. Then there's the girl that can't forget her college days long enough to pass up soul poetry for peeling potatoes. Hold up the stifficate on her until she learns."

"You get eupsychic marriage established as a national institution, and I'll guarantee eugenics will take care of itself. It's what men have been lookin' for all these years, but they don't know it—some stifficate plan to guarantee that the girl they promise to love, honor and cherish ain't achin' in her heart to teach the Montessori method, or cherishin' a secret ambition to become a street edition of Annette Kellerman."

"JOHN THE DEVIL" AND "SUNNY BUNNY" ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT

John Jones, colored, known to the police as "John the Devil," and Sun Washington, alias "Sunny Bunny," were arrested yesterday by Mounted Policemen Krug and Allen on the charge of stabbing Douglas Tallafier.

After the two had been locked up at the Second Police Station, it was discovered there was a warrant for "Sunny Bunny" sworn out last Thursday, charging him with assaulting Oscar Hobson with a rock.

TEMPERANCE RALLY

Open Air Meeting to Be Held in Manchester To-Night.

There will be an open air temperance rally held to-night at 8 o'clock on the South Side, corner of Hull and Clifton Streets, when Rev. David Hepburn and others interested in the Anti-Saloon League will speak.

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To the people of South Richmond there is one site for the new union station, and that is at Fifteenth and Main Streets. According to their views, they would be forced to travel by street car for forty-five minutes to reach northbound trains at the Hermitage site, while they would have only to cross the new Mayo Bridge to be in the uptown station. The uptown site, they would be forced to travel by street car for forty-five minutes to reach northbound trains at the Hermitage site, while they would have only to cross the new Mayo Bridge to be in the uptown station.

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## POLLARD ANSWERS ATTACKS ON HIM

Declares Attorney-General Williams Praised His Work as Attorney at Law.

DEFENDS THE MINISTERS

Asks Cumming Why He Has Not Paid Taxes on Big Practice.

John Garland Pollard, asserting that attacks had been made upon him by Mr. Cumming and Mr. Williams at Kenbridge and Richmond, when he was not present to answer them, last night gave out the following statement:

The Statement.

"The attacks made upon me by my opponents seem to grow in intensity as the campaign draws to a close. It was my earnest desire to go through this campaign discussing only the important questions which confront us to-day. I had hoped that each candidate would leave to others the discussion of the question as to whether they were fitted by character and professional attainments to occupy the position of Attorney-General. No man with proper sensibilities would choose to discuss the personal character or professional attainments of himself or his opponents, but the gentlemen who are opposing me seem to desire to avoid the discussion of public issues and to indulge in unworthy petty criticisms, concerning which I feel it my duty to make this statement."

Mr. Williams continues to criticize my work on the Code as a past-post and scissors performance which might have been done by any office boy. This is at entire variance with Mr. Williams' oft-repeated statements to me that it was a work which a few months ago he considered to be so ably done should now be looked upon as a past-post and scissors performance.

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## Palm Beach Suits

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CITY HALL RANKS FIRST AS TEMPLE OF THE DRAMA

Week's Bill Includes Sterling Play, "Annexation," and Extravaganza, "The Administration Board Can Do No Wrong; or, The Salary Raise That Never Happened."

At the City Hall the leading dramatic offering for this week is that sterling morality play, "Annexation," or Following the Line of Least Resistance," which receives its public premiere at 8 o'clock next Thursday night in the Council Chamber. The drama is mounted under the direction of the special committee appointed by the Council last February to draft a suitable annexation plan, and represents five months, more or less, of arduous labor.

The score is by that sprightly score-keeper, Morgan R. Mills, Councilman from Jefferson Ward, who, assisted by other members of the annexation committee, drafted and submitted to the committee two weeks ago a rough drawing of the territory to be annexed. The same sketch was presented to the committee last Thursday night, and given vogue to several tuncful ditties that are being whistled around the Gas Works. Among the most catchy of these are: "Nobody Knows Where We'll Get Paid"; "We Love the Board, but We Hate the Officers"; "Happy, Happy, Gas Acting Auditor"; and "We Should Sob and Spill Our Irish Linen Handkerchiefs Because the Board Has Violated Section 26."

The salary raise has been playing to big interest ever since it was produced last week. In the leading parts are cast the members of the Administrative Board, who, without first securing the approval of the City Council, as the charter requires, raised the salary of Superintendent Knowles from \$3,000 to \$3,500 a year.

Waiting Board's Pleasure.

Auditors' Creed. Following a course approved by the City Council and the City Attorney, has held up the pay of Mr. Knowles and twelve or thirteen deputies, pending the pleasure of the City Council. The board in the matter of submitting a pay roll in accordance with the legal requirements.

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